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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : MALCOM R. MELANCON, ET AL
APPL. NO. : 10/016,053
FILED : 12/06/01
TITLE : FLANGE FOR CONNECTING FAN TO
MANWAY
GRP./A.U. : 3632
EXAMINER : SCHULTERBRANDT, KOFI A
DOCKET NO. : RA-1658
CUSTOMER NO.: 35065
CONFIRM NO. : 6022

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MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed July 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.